

WHEREAS, The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has been a steward of Austin’s public lands since 1928 and oversees the protection, maintenance and preservation of trails, parkland, and urban forest; and

WHEREAS, The PARD Central Maintenance Complex is located at 2525 South Lakeshore Boulevard, and is not being utilized as parkland, but is solely used as a maintenance yard; and

WHEREAS, PARD does not have available funds to allocate for the repair or replacement of the maintenance complex; and

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin Healthy and Green infrastructure priorities dictate public active spaces be accessible to community members of all ages, the expansion of parks as population grows, and protecting environmentally sensitive lands; and

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election ballot for voter approval of the conveyance of undeveloped parkland;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare an ordinance to order a special municipal election to be held on the November 2, 2021 uniform election date on the question of authorizing the City Council to convey approximately 9 acres of parkland located at 2525 S. Lakeshore Blvd, also known as Central Maintenance Complex (CMC), to the successful respondent of a public bidding process. The City would convey the land in exchange for land the City deems acceptable, cash or cash equivalent, or combination of land and cash or cash equivalent, that is of equivalent or greater value than the appraised value for CMC, the cost of or construction of a new maintenance facility to house PARD maintenance staff on existing parkland, and funding for the restoration and remediation of Fiesta Gardens Maintenance Yard.

ADOPTED: _____, 2021 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk